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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONER EXCHANGE

REF: HAVANA 1805

1. AFTER YOUR RETURN TO HAVANA ON JULY 5, YOU SHOULD  
APPROACH ANILLO OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CUBAN OFFICIAL AND  
MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED  
THE EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT  
CASTRO. OUR DECISION IS THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE  
THE NAMED PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH AN  
EXCHANGE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN AN  
ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE A U.S. PRESIDENT.

B. THIS DECISION DOES NOT FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
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FINDING ANOTHER FORMULA FOR AN EXCHANGE WHICH WOULD RESULT  
IN THE RELEASE OF LAWRENCE LUNT AND OTHER AMERICAN  
PRISONERS IN CUBA. IF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF THESE AMERICANS FOR OTHER  
PERSONS PRESENTLY IN U.S. CUSTODY, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD  
OF COURSE STUDY ANY SUCH PROPOSAL CLOSELY. VANCE

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